

SHORTLINE ROADS GIVEN TURNDOWN

Can't Share in \$600,000-000 Wage Award of the Standard Systems

RAIL BOARD'S RULING

4,000 Employees Affected by Decision; Two Oklahoma Lines Are Included

CHICAGO, March 28.—All applications for "short line" railroads for trucking conditions and rates of wages and hours of service were dismissed by the Interstate Commerce Commission today. The decision affects 4,000 employees in all parts of the United States.

The board ruled that none of the applications for the "short line" railroads could be acted upon until the standard rates are disposed of. The decision, however, does not prevent the smaller roads from bringing up their applications when the calendar is clear of cases involving the large roads and it does not affect any decision on wage, hours or labor or working conditions previously rendered by the board.

The decision is, in effect, a refusal to permit the short lines to participate for the present in the \$600,000,000 wage award. The standard rates were made last summer. Employees on many of the roads affected, however, after receiving the same scale enjoyed by employees in some classes of labor on the larger lines.

Four thousand employees, varying from 25 to 400 for the several carriers included in the decision are affected. The labor board, in its decision, makes a point of the fact that employees on the so-called short lines are not classified as labor performed and that a comprehensive study would have to be made with regard to such classification before a reasonable decision could be given in the 200 or more cases. Today's decision, the board states shall not in any way affect the right of employees' organizations of the carriers in question to meet with representatives of the carriers on wage or working conditions and also does not affect the right to refer any dispute arising from such conference to the labor board.

Among the roads affected by the decision are the Chicago and Illinois Midland railroad, Duluth and Northern Minnesota railway, Fort Smith and Western railroad, Louisiana and Pacific railroad, Minnesota, Dakota and Western railway, Northern Oklahoma railway, Pacific Coast railroad, St. Louis and Hannibal railroad, Spokane International railway company and the Texas City terminal company.

FARM CONFERENCES BEGIN

Chicago Meetings Expect to Evolve Corporation Grain Handling.

CHICAGO, March 28.—Conferences aiming at the unification of the several large scale plans for the cooperative handling of grain by farmers of the country began here today. They are expected to continue through the week.

The hope is to arrive at a single plan to be presented at the ratification conference called here next week by the farmers' grain marketing committee of 17. Aaron Sapiro of San Francisco explained.

HONOR PRISONERS BREAK

Walk Away From Place Assigned That Have Chance to Make Good.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 28.—James Connors and George Mendel, penitentiary prisoners who recently were placed in prison farm at London so that they might have better environment in which to make good, walked away from the farm together.

Connors' brother has offered Warden Thomas to serve until Connors is apprehended, if that will mitigate the latter's punishment.

The brother of George Mendel has offered \$500 in addition to the state's \$50 reward for Mendel's arrest, the warden said.

CAN'T SCARE 'BLUE' WORKER

Iowa Woman Ignores Threat to Kill Her for Reform Activities.

DES MOINES, Iowa, March 28.—Mrs. Ida B. Vase Smith of Cedar Rapids, state capital, told the W. C. T. U. received an anonymous letter today warning her that if she did not cease her campaign against legalized sale of cigarettes and box-cars she would not live until Wednesday.

"It reminds me of the old days of the fight against liquor," Mrs. Smith said. "I will still be here fighting Wednesday."

ARNSTEIN TO TRIAL AGAIN

"Nicks" and Associates to Face New Trial on April 5.

WASHINGTON, March 28.—James "Nicks" Arnstein of New York and David W. Sullivan and Helen W. Easterday of Washington, all charged with conspiracy to bring into the United States stolen goods, were set for trial on April 5. The jury failed to agree at the first trial in December and date of the second trial was fixed today on application of Arnstein's attorney.

Harding to Inaugurate Cuban Phone Service

WASHINGTON, March 28.—A telephone connection between President Harding and President Menocal of Cuba, probably, will inaugurate service next month over the telephone cable between Key West and Havana.

Members also may extend congratulations over the wire to Cuban government officials.

A St. Louis inventor's engine to the amount of gasoline in an automobile tank on a dirt road.

Washington, D. C., March 28.—A St. Louis inventor, Mr. J. H. Poyer of Wichita, Kan., addressed

Fine of \$10,000 Given a Plumber On Trust Charge

NEW YORK, March 28.—A \$10,000 fine, the largest ever assessed for a trust violation, was imposed today on the W. H. Cornell company for violation of the trust act.

Both the company and the corporation's president, Arthur Cornell, were sentenced to 120 days in prison for the same offense.

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U. S. WILL RENEW GERMAN EXPORTS

To Launch New Program, Departing From Policy Set by Wilson

WASHINGTON, March 28.—The U. S. will renew German exports of raw materials and other goods to Germany, according to a new program announced today by the U. S. Commerce department.

The new program, which is a departure from the policy set by President Wilson, will allow the export of raw materials and other goods to Germany, provided they are not used for military purposes.

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Commissioners, Mayor And Police Officers Have Joint Meeting

For the purpose of ironing out problems which arise before the police department of the city, the commissioners, mayor and police officers had a joint meeting today.

The meeting was held at the municipal building and was attended by the commissioners, mayor and police officers.

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WALLS CONVICTED GIVEN 23 YEARS

Found Guilty of Robbery of Restaurant by Jury in District Court

Walter Walls, charged with conspiracy to rob a restaurant, was found guilty by a jury in district court today and sentenced to 23 years in prison.

The jury also found Walls guilty of robbing the restaurant and sentenced him to 23 years in prison.

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